5) Sh. Sajjid Shafi

6) Mir Nasarullah Lasjan

Assam

1) Sh. S.K. Tiwari

2) Sh. Lohit Das

3) Sh. Ranjani Das

4) Sh. C.R. Mohanty

5) Sh. Krishan Lal

6) Sh. Shank Gupta

[*Translation*]

Atrocities on Backward and Minority Communities

*57. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of atrocities on backward and minority communities are on the increase in the country during the last five months; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). Law and Order is a State subject. Offences under the law are investigated, tried and punishments awarded. No data is maintained of such offences, community wise, in the Ministry of Welfare.

Setting up Development Board to Remove Regional Imbalances

*58. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a development board to remove regional imbalances in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the other measures Government propose to take in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c). Article 371(2) of the Constitution envisages special responsibility of the Governor for the establishment of separate development boards for Vidharbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra, and Saurashtra, Kutch and the rest of Gujarat. No development boards have been set up so far. The proposals sent by the Government of Maharashtra are under examination.

[*English*]

Power Crisis

*59. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the country is facing an acute power crisis;

(b) if so, the step proposed to be taken to increase power generation to meet the demand of different states, State-wise;

(c) the plan drawn up for the eighth Plan;

(d) whether any long term strategies are proposed to be adopted keeping in view of the growing need of power in the country; and

(e) if so, detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CON-

VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period April , 1991 - October, 1991, the energy deficit in the country was of the order of 8.0%.

(b) Various measures being taken to improve the generation in the country include renovation and modernisation of old units, assistance to Electricity Boards in undertaking plant betterment programme, supply of requisite quantity and quality of Coal, training of Operation and Maintenance personnel and strengthening of Transmission and Distribution System.

(c) The Eighth Plan has not been finalised so far by the Planning Commission.

(d) and (e). The long terms strategies for power development are (i) Accelerated development of Hydro Potential, (ii) Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution Systems, (iii) Adoption of Coal beneficiation technology, (iv) Diversification of modes of coal transportation, (v) Private Sector Participation in Power Sector, etc.

Bomb blast at Rudrapur

*60. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and injured in the bomb blaste at Rudrapur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government have made any arrests in this connection; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard this region?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) As per information available, 45 persons were killed and 183 injured in the bomb blasts in Rudrapur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per information furnished by the State Government, various measures have been taken to tackle the situation such as strengthening of intelligence machinery, deployment of Central Forces/P.A.C. in the affected areas, improvement of communication systems, providing extra vehicles, establishment of bomb disposal squads etc. The Central Govt. is in constant touch with the State Govt. and is providing all possible assistance to the State Govt. as and when required.

[*Translation*]

Recruitment at B.S.F. Center, Hazaribagh

432. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a Border Security Force Centre in village Meru, district Hazaribagh of Bihar;

(b) whether recruitment of jawans for Border Security Force is made every month in this centre and there is a fixed quota for each State;

(c) whether the locals as well as the migrants are recruited on Class IV posts; and

(d) whether the rules governing recruitment of jawans and Class-IV employees in B.S.F. have been adhered to, if not, the reasons therefor?